

For information

LegCo Panel on Administration of Justice and Legal Services

Development of Hong Kong as a Legal Services Centre

The above topic was discussed by the Administration of Justice and Legal Services Panel at its meeting on 12 December 2006. The Administration submitted a paper for discussion. At the meeting, the Panel requested that the Administration supply certain additional information. The object of this paper is to provide supplementary information in response to the Panel's request.

The Administration was requested to provide –

- (a) Further information on a list of the activities (visits, conferences, symposiums, forums, seminars and exhibitions) organised or sponsored by the Department of Justice (DoJ) in promoting Hong Kong as a legal services centre with relevant information such as the date(s), background and purpose, venue, organiser(s) and participants of these activities.**

We have compiled the following tables which set out the relevant information –

- (i) Visits to the Mainland, Macau, and overseas countries, from January 2005 to September 2006 (at **Annex A**)
 - (ii) Visitors and delegations from the Mainland and overseas countries received from January 2005 to September 2006 (at **Annex B**)
 - (iii) Seminars and conferences attended from January 2005 to September 2006 (at **Annex C**)
- (b) Further information on the number of arbitration cases handled by individual arbitrators and mediators over the last few years.**

2. We have liaised with the HKIAC regarding the arbitration

cases it has handled. The statistics of cases handled by the HKIAC from 1 January 2006 to 31 December 2006 are at **Annex D**.

3. Regarding arbitration by the Administration, a list of the Legal Advisory Division (Works), Environment, Transport and Works Bureau's (LAD(W)) new arbitration and mediation cases for the period 2003 to 2006 is at **Annex E**. All these arbitrations are conducted ad hoc, on a contractual basis. Although the HKIAC is the default authority for appointing an arbitrator, in the absence of agreement between the parties, in practice this is rarely required as the parties are usually able to agree on suitable candidates for appointment.

(c) Supplementary information on the specific measures for strengthening Hong Kong as a regional legal services centre.

i) Support or work in conjunction with the professional bodies to maintain the strengths of Hong Kong legal services by improving the standard and competitiveness.

4. One of the projects which the DoJ has undertaken is the Consultancy Study of the Demand for and Supply of Legal and Related Services in Hong Kong, which commenced on 29 July 2004. A Consultative Committee was established, comprising representatives from the legal services sector and other professional, academic and community bodies to oversee and monitor the progress of the study. The Consultants are required to report progress to the Consultative Committee at approximately quarterly intervals, and as and when required by the Department of Justice.

5. The consultancy study comprises two separate surveys, one focusing on the supply of legal and related services in Hong Kong, and the other on the demand for legal and related services.

6. Regarding the survey of the supply of services, the consultancy study involves an examination of the scope of legal and related services, how accessible they are (both substantively and geographically) and their level of quality. The extent, adequacy and potential of free legal advice services in Hong Kong should also be examined under this head. Regarding the survey of the demand for legal and related services, the focus is on identifying the type and frequency of legal or justiciable problems which arise in Hong Kong, and what people do to redress these problems.

7. It is expected that the whole study will be completed this year. The object of the study is to help to identify the unmet demand and supply of legal services of Hong Kong. The strengths of Hong Kong legal services could then be better maintained and further improved.

8. The DoJ also provides ongoing advice on the legal policy implications of rules proposed by the legal professional bodies in the exercise of the power to make rules regulating the practice and discipline of their members. Such rules will help to maintain and improve the standard and competitiveness of the legal profession.

ii) Lead or work in conjunction with practitioners and academics in Hong Kong and the Mainland to achieve a greater understanding of each other's law and legal system.

It is a long term objective of the DoJ to promote greater understanding among officials of the Mainland and the HKSAR in respect of each other's legal systems. To this end, the DoJ continues to undertake a variety of work, which often involves the legal professionals of Hong Kong. A summary of the work carried out is described below.

Briefings Conducted for Mainland Delegations

Each year, a number of Mainland delegations (consisting of legal officials, professionals or academics) visit the DoJ. Briefings are arranged for the delegations in respect of different aspects of our legal system, such as the role and functions of the DoJ, our litigation system, CEPA and other legal cooperation with the Mainland. In 2006, a total of 61 such briefings were conducted for Mainland delegations.

Briefings of similar nature are also given to Mainland officials or professionals when DoJ officials visit the Mainland for exchange purposes. For example, Legal Study Visits are made on a regular basis whereby officials of the DoJ and MoJ would pay visits to each other in order to keep pace with the legal developments on each side. During such visits, briefs on recent developments in specific legal areas in Hong Kong are delivered.

Attending Promotional Events

To enhance exchanges with the Mainland side, the DoJ assists other Government bureaux or departments, and the legal professional bodies, in holding or attending activities which aim to promote legal services in Hong Kong. Examples of such events include the “Hong Kong Weeks” held in different municipalities in the Mainland between 2002 and 2005 with a view to promote the trade and professional services of Hong Kong.

Apart from attending promotional events, the DoJ and the legal profession of Hong Kong also join forces with the Mainland legal professional bodies in holding conferences and seminars covering legal exchanges and cooperation. For instance, the Beijing-Hong Kong Symposium on Economic Cooperation is held annually in Beijing and Hong Kong on an alternate basis and a legal seminar is conducted to discuss topical issues. The DoJ and the legal professional bodies are also represented at the China Lawyers’ Forum held annually, and their representatives speak on specific topics such as property development, corporate finance and the self-regulatory regime of the legal profession in Hong Kong.

Attendance at such events not only reinforces the relationship between the two sides but also cultivates further exchanges and encourages the exploration of further opportunities for professional cooperation.

Training provided for Mainland Officials

To sustain our efforts in encouraging more in-depth study of the common law system amongst Mainland officials, the DoJ launched the Common Law Training Scheme in 1999. The participants in the Training Scheme are officials drawn from central, provincial or municipal organs who possess an adequate standard of English. They are required to undertake a Masters in Common Law programme at the University of Hong Kong (HKU), which is designed for graduates from non-common law jurisdictions. After completion of the academic programme, the Mainland officials are placed in government law departments or relevant public organizations for short term attachment in order to familiarize them with the work of the departments or organizations concerned. The attachment programme also affords them opportunities to establish working relationships with the relevant departments and

organizations. After 12 months' training, they return to their home organizations.

The Training Scheme is instrumental to the DoJ in developing and maintaining contacts with a pool of Mainland officials, at both central and provincial levels, who have received training in common law. The scheme is a pillar of the Department's efforts in promoting greater understanding of the common law amongst Mainland officials. The scheme is also well regarded by overseas visitors who are interested in the work of the HKSARG in assisting the development of the legal system in the Mainland. So far, 91 Mainland officials have completed the Training Scheme. Currently, there are 10 Mainland officials attending the Masters programme at HKU.

To complement the Training Scheme, the DoJ is considering the introduction of a similar programme whereby qualified Mainland officials will attend the Master of Laws course at the Chinese University of Hong Kong, which is also targeted at non-common law graduates. The newly proposed programme is subject to further discussions with the Mainland authorities.

Apart from the above, the DoJ arrange short term attachments for Mainland officials pursuant to the cooperation agreements signed with different Justice Departments at provincial level (JD) and Justice Bureaux at municipal level (JB). Since 2005, the DoJ has arranged two batches of 10 officials each to attend a two-week attachment programme in Hong Kong. The officials were briefed on the work of the DoJ, and visited different law departments, public organizations and the legal professional bodies for better understanding of their respective roles and functions.

Reciprocal arrangements have been made for counsel of the DoJ to be attached to various JD and JB for familiarization with the legal and judicial systems in the Mainland. This attachment programme, though short in time, is tailor-made to enable the legal officials concerned to grasp some working knowledge of the Mainland legal system.

Concluding Remarks

Promotion of greater mutual understanding of the respective legal systems between Hong Kong and Mainland officials and legal

professionals is a long term goal of the DoJ which requires ongoing effort and cooperation with the legal profession. Our efforts have been well received by both the local and Mainland legal communities as demonstrated by the greater cooperation between government departments and professional cooperation in legal practices between the two sides.

iii) Step up efforts in reinforcing and promoting Hong Kong as a regional centre for legal services and resolution of commercial disputes, in particular those involving the Mainland and foreign countries.

The DoJ's efforts in reinforcing and promoting Hong Kong as a regional centre for legal services, and the resolution of commercial disputes, are similarly reflected in our work in promoting greater mutual understanding of the two legal systems through briefings to Mainland delegations, speaking at conferences and generally attending promotional events.

Rendering Legal Assistance to the Mainland

In parallel with its work in promoting the legal services of Hong Kong, the DoJ also devoted effort to developing mutual legal assistance with the Mainland authorities under the Basic Law. Since Reunification, the HKSARG has reached three arrangements with the Mainland authorities in different subject areas, namely –

- ◆ mutual service of judicial documents in civil and commercial proceedings;
- ◆ mutual enforcement of arbitral awards; and
- ◆ reciprocal recognition and enforcement of judgments in civil and commercial matters pursuant to a choice of agreement between the parties.

In order to give effect to the provisions of the arrangement concerning the mutual enforcement of arbitral awards, the Arbitration Ordinance (Cap. 341) was duly amended in 2000. The implementation of the arrangement on reciprocal enforcement of court judgments also requires underpinning by local legislation. The Mainland Judgments (Reciprocal Enforcement) Bill was gazetted on 23 February 2007. The Bill was given its 1st and 2nd readings on 7 March 2007.

The Bill, when passed, will facilitate closer cooperation between the two sides in rendering legal assistance to each other. A new and more convenient mechanism will be provided under the Bill so that a judgment creditor may seek enforcement of a judgment given in one jurisdiction by registering it with the court in the other jurisdiction. With the new registration mechanism in place, a judgment can be enforced in the other jurisdiction without going through time-consuming and costly litigation. The new mechanism should therefore encourage members of the business community who are doing business in the Mainland to consider choosing Hong Kong courts as the forum for resolving contractual disputes as the judgment rendered here would be enforceable in the Mainland.

iv) Support and assist the professional and other relevant bodies in securing inter-regional and international legal and dispute resolution services.

A specific measure adopted by the Department of Justice to reinforce and promote Hong Kong as a regional centre for resolution of commercial disputes is by way of the reform of arbitration law.

The Department of Justice set up a working group in September 2005 to review the Arbitration Ordinance (Cap. 341) to make it more user-friendly and comprehensible to foreign businessmen and lawyers. The aim is to implement the proposals made in the report issued by the Committee on Hong Kong Arbitration Law in 2003, which suggested that the law should be simplified by applying the UNCITRAL Model Law to all types of arbitration.¹

Representatives of the legal profession, arbitration experts and others were appointed to the working group. A Sub-committee was formed under the working group to examine the legislative proposals and the draft legislation in detail. The first working draft of the Arbitration (Amendment) Bill (“the draft Bill”) was produced by the Law Drafting Division of the Department of Justice in December 2005.

¹ The Model Law was adopted by the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on 21 June 1985 “in view of the desirability of uniformity of the law of arbitral procedures and the specific needs of international commercial arbitration practice”. See resolution of the General Assembly of United Nations of 11 December 1985.

The Sub-committee has held over 30 meetings since January 2006. It has reported progress to the Working Group on eight occasions. Various proposals for amendments to the draft Bill have been made by the Sub-committee, and issues involving legal policy implications or specific legal arguments have been referred to the Working Group for consideration.

It is expected that a Consultation Paper on the reform of arbitration law and the draft Bill will be issued for public consultation by the end of 2007.

v) Explore further legal services outlets and markets for the local practitioners where appropriate.

The DoJ has continued to explore opportunities in overseas markets for local practitioners. For instance, through the WTO services negotiations, we strive to enable other WTO members to further liberalise their services markets, including the legal services market, in order that foreign legal services providers (including Hong Kong legal professionals) can gain access into their markets. At the same time, we work closely with the legal professional bodies in order to gauge their interests and needs in gaining access into foreign legal services markets so that we can pursue these goals in the WTO arena.

vi) Help evaluate the standard of legal education and formulate reforms in conjunction with the law schools, Committee on Legal Education and Training and the legal services sector.

The DoJ has played an active part in the work of the Steering Committee on the Review of Legal Education and Training, which was established in late 1999 to oversee a comprehensive review of legal education and training.

Having regard to the recommendations of a detailed consultancy report, the Steering Committee proposed various reforms to improve the standards of legal education and training. For instance, the Steering Committee endorsed the recommendation of the consultants that the Bachelor of Laws programme should be extended from three to four years in order to achieve its proper objectives. Following the approval of the University Grants Committee, the new course commenced in September 2004.

Regarding the Postgraduate Certificate in Laws (PCLL) course, the Steering Committee considered that it should be subject to major reforms in various areas, including curriculum content, and teaching and assessment methods. Since 2002, significant reforms have been made.

In order to keep up the momentum of reform of the legal education and training system, and to keep under review the future direction of that system, legislation has been enacted to establish a new Standing Committee on Legal Education and Training (“the new Standing Committee”). It is currently chaired by an ex-Solicitor General (Mr Bob Allcock), and comprises representatives of stakeholders as well as lay members. It began work in September 2005. It has taken over the work of the previous Standing Committee and also the Advisory Committee on Legal Education. The new Standing Committee oversees the implementation of the reform of legal education and training and monitors the future direction of legal education.

The Chinese University established Hong Kong’s third law school in 2005-06. In November 2005, two representatives of the Chinese University joined the new Standing Committee in order to ensure that the third law school is monitored by that committee, and participates in its work, in the same way as the existing law schools.

Visits to the Mainland, Macau, and overseas countries from January 2005 to September 2006

	Date	Place of visit	Purpose	Organizer/Participant
1.	10 Jan 2005	Nansha	Attending the Cooperation seminar of Pan-PRD and WTO partners to promote Hong Kong legal services	World Trade Centres Association (HK), Chinese General chamber of Commerce, relevant Mainland departments, DoJ officials
2.	20 Jan 2005	Guangzhou	Attending the CEO Forum ‘Globalisation: Co-operation and Competition’ to promote Hong Kong legal services	Hong Kong Trade Development Council, relevant Mainland departments, DoJ officials
3.	24 Jan 2005	UK - London	Promoting rule of law and legal services in Hong Kong	DoJ officials, relevant UK government officials and professional bodies
4.	2 - 4 Mar 2005	Beijing	Exchanging views on issues relating to reciprocal enforcement judgements	Supreme People’s Court, relevant Mainland departments, DoJ officials
5.	14 - 18 Mar 2005	South Africa	Exchanging views on law reform issues and promoting Hong Kong’s legal services	DoJ officials and representatives from other participating countries
6.	3 Apr 2005	Shenzhen	Promoting Hong Kong legal services	Ministry of Justice, China Legal Service (HK) Ltd, DoJ officials
7.	17 - 24 Apr 2005	Chongqing	Exchanging views on Hong Kong and Mainland legal systems	Chongqing Justice Bureau, DoJ officials
8.	5 - 11 Jun 2005	Beijing and Nanjing	Legal issues interflow	Ministry of Justice, DoJ officials
9.	10 Jun 2005	Macao	Understanding the legal system of Macau SARG	Relevant Mainland departments, relevant Macao SARG officials, DoJ officials
10.	21 - 24 Jun 2005	Shijiazhuang	Attending Hong Kong Week to promote Hong Kong legal services	Relevant Mainland departments and professional bodies, DoJ and Beijing Office officials, delegates from HK Bar Association and Law Society of HK
11.	30 Jun - 4 Jul 2005	Xinjiang	Promoting Hong Kong legal services	Relevant Mainland departments, Law Society, DoJ officials
12.	3 - 10 Sep 2005	Beijing and Shanghai	Attending the 22 nd Congress on the Law of the World to promote rule of law and legal services in Hong Kong	Supreme People’s Court and relevant Mainland officials, DoJ officials, legal practitioners from Mainland, Hong Kong and other countries

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13.	11 - 15 Sep 2005	UK - London	Exchanging views on law related issues	The Law Society of England and Wales, DoJ officials, legal practitioners from other participating countries
14.	14 - 16 Sep 2005	Thailand Bangkok	Attending the 2 nd China-ASEAN Prosecutors-General Conference to promote rule of law and legal system of Hong Kong	Prosecution bodies of Mainland and ASEAN countries
15.	3 - 5 Nov 2005	Tianjin and Hangzhou	Attending the 5 th China Lawyers Forum to promote rule of law and legal services in Hong Kong	Tianjin Municipal People's Government, All China Lawyers Association, Mainland and Hong Kong legal practitioners, DoJ officials
16.	30 Nov - 2 Dec 2005	Hubei	Attending the Hong Kong Week 2005 to promote rule of law and legal service in Hong Kong	Relevant Mainland government departments, DoJ officials
17.	4 Dec 2005	Shanghai	Exchanging views on CEPA related legal issues	Relevant Mainland government departments, DoJ officials
18.	9 - 10 Dec 2005	Shenzhen	Attending the 1 st Asia Europe Meeting Prosecutors-General Conference to promote rule of law and legal system of Hong Kong	Prosecution bodies of Mainland and Asia Europe countries, DoJ officials
19.	14 - 17 Mar 2006	USA - Washington, DC, Philadelphia, and New York	Promoting the rule of law and legal services in Hong Kong	Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office in Washington, DC, and DoJ officials
20.	22 - 24 Mar 2006	Shanghai and Suzhou	Exchanging views on issues relating to reciprocal enforcement of judgments	Supreme People's Court, relevant Mainland departments, CSO and DoJ officials
21.	30 Mar - 1 Apr 2006	Nanjing	Visiting National Judicial Examination Office to exchange views on the National Judicial Examination	National Judicial Examination Office, DoJ officials
22.	9 - 13 Apr 2006	Beijing	Promoting rule of law and legal services in Hong Kong	DoJ officials, relevant Mainland officials and professional bodies
23.	10 - 13 Apr 2006	Australia - Sydney	Exchanging views on law reform issues and promoting Hong Kong's legal services	Australian Law Reform Commission, DoJ officials, legal practitioners from other participating countries

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24.	19 Apr 2006	Shanghai	Attending the World Conference of Advocates and Barristers to exchange views on legal services	Hong Kong Bar Association, DoJ officials, legal practitioners from other participating countries
25.	16 - 18 May 2006	Beijing	Exchanging views on promotion of legal services under CEPA	Ministry of Justice officials, DoJ officials
26.	5 - 10 Jun 2006	UK- London	Promoting rule of law and legal services in Hong Kong	DoJ officials, relevant UK government officials and professional bodies
27.	12 Jul 2006	Guangzhou	Exchanging views on promotion of legal services under CEPA	Relevant Mainland departments, CITB and DoJ officials
28.	16 - 18 Aug 2006	Heilongjiang	Attending a forum on Judicial Reform	Supreme People's Court, relevant Mainland departments, DoJ officials
29.	28 - 29 Aug 2006	Zhongshan	Exchanging views on the National Judicial Examination	Department of State Judicial Examination of the Ministry of Justice, relevant Mainland departments, DoJ officials
30.	10 - 20 Sep 2006	USA – Washington DC, New York, San Francisco	Promoting rule of law and legal services in Hong Kong	DoJ officials, relevant US government officials and professional bodies
31.	13 - 15 Sep 2006	Beijing	Exchanging views on legal affair issues	The Legal Affairs Committee of the NPCSC, relevant Mainland departments, DoJ officials
32.	21 - 25 Sep 2006	Taiyuan	Attending the 6 th China Lawyers Forum to promote Hong Kong's legal services	Shanxi Lawyers Association, relevant Mainland departments, legal practitioners from Mainland, DoJ officials
33.	26 Sep 2006	Guangzhou	Exchanging views on issues relating to reciprocal enforcement of judgments	Guangdong and Shenzhen courts, Arbitral Commission, Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office in Guangdong, DoJ officials

Visitors and delegations from the Mainland and overseas countries received from January 2005 to September 2006

	Date	Name of visitor/delegation	Purpose	Organizer/Participant
1.	13 Jan 2005	Delegation of Beijing lawyers under the Professional Development Programme of the Law Society	Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services	Law Society, DoJ officials
2.	14 Jan 2005	Baroness Williams of Crosby, Member of Liberal Democratic in the House of Lords	Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services	ISD, DoJ officials
3.	17 Jan 2005	Dutch 'Justice Triangle' Delegation	Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services	Consulate General of Netherlands, HK Police, DoJ officials
4.	18 Jan 2005	Delegation of Wenzhou Justice Bureau	Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services	Hong Kong Institute of Arbitrators, DoJ officials
5.	18 Jan 2005	Delegation of the Zhejiang Justice Department	Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services	Zhejiang Justice Department, DoJ officials
6.	19 Jan 2005	Mr Xiang Huaicheng of National Council for Social Security Fund	Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services	Securities and Futures Commission, DoJ officials
7.	21 Jan 2005	Mr Ye Kedong, Director of Department of HK & Macau Affairs Related to Taiwan, Taiwan Affairs Office, PRC	Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services	ISD, DoJ officials
8.	25 Jan 2005	Dr Diana Bonta, Vice President (Public Affairs), Kaiser Permanente's Southern California region, USA	Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services	ISD, DoJ officials
9.	26 Jan 2005	Mr Pei Changju, Deputy Director of Shanxi Municipal Foreign Affairs Office	Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services	Shanxi Municipal Foreign Affairs Office, CAB, DoJ officials
10.	28 Jan 2005	Mr Pang Zhengzhong, Senior partner, Jincheng Tongda Law Firm	Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services	Steve Ng, Ng & Shum Solicitors & Notaries, DoJ officials
11.	31 Jan 2005	Justice Anthony M. Kennedy, US Supreme Court	Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services	Consulate General of US, DoJ officials
12.	4 Feb 2005	Dr Arnab Banerji, Economic Adviser to Prime Minister's Office, UK	Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services	ISD, DoJ officials
13.	16 Feb 2005	Mr Koichi Sueyoshi, Mayor of Kitakyushi, Japan	Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services	ISD, DoJ officials

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14.	16 Feb 2005	Mr Kairat Mami, Chairman of Supreme Court (Chief Justice) of Republic of Kazakhstan	Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services	Consulate General of the Republic of Kazakhstan, DoJ officials
15.	17 Feb 2005	Mr Peter Hofstra, Chairman, Standing Committee on Economic Affairs, House of Representatives, Netherlands	Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services	ISD, DoJ officials
16.	23 Feb 2005	Ms Hua Jian, Director General of Department of Liaison, HKMAO, State Council, PRC & Delegation	Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services	ISD, DoJ officials
17.	24 Feb 2005	Mr Chen Wenyan, Executive Vice Mayor of Foshan Municipal Government, PRC & Delegation	Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services	ISD, DoJ officials
18.	28 Feb 2005	Mr Peter Williamson, Chairman of International Committee, and Immediate Past President of Law Society, UK	Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services	ISD, DoJ officials
19.	1 Mar 2005	Prof. Virginia Bonoan-Dandan, Chairperson, Committee on Economic, Social & Cultural Rights, the United Nations and Ms Maria Virginia Bras Gomes, Member, CESCR, UN	Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services	ISD, DoJ officials
20.	8 Mar 2005	Mr Simon Scott Plummer, Chief Foreign Leader Writer, the Daily Telegraph, UK	Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services	ISD, DoJ officials
21.	10 Mar 2005	Mr You Ningfeng, Vice Governor of the People's Government of Guangzhou Province, PRC & Delegation	Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services	ISD, DoJ officials
22.	17 Mar 2005	Mr Guo Jinfeng, Deputy Director of the Provincial Foreign Affairs Offices, & Delegations from Foreign Affairs Offices (Henan and Hubei)	Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services	CAB, DoJ officials
23.	18 Mar 2005	Mr Song Xiaomao, Deputy Director of the Xinjiang Lawyers Association & Delegation of Xinjiang lawyers	Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services	Law Society, DoJ officials
24.	24 Mar 2005	Mr Chung Eui-yong, Member of the National Assembly (Uri Party), Korea	Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services	ISD, DoJ officials
25.	29 Mar 2005	Mr Wan E-xiang, Vice President of Supreme People's Court	Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services	ISD, DoJ officials

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26.	31 Mar 2005	56 th US Congressional Staff Delegation	Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services	Better Hong Kong Foundation, DoJ officials
27.	4 Apr 2005	Dr Angela Kerins, Chairperson, National Disability Authority, Ireland	Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services	ISD, DoJ officials
28.	12 Apr 2005	The Westly China-California Relations Delegation – Mrs Katherine Schiffeler and Mr Eric Lassila	Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services	DoJ officials
29.	15 Apr 2005	Delegation of Tianjin Lawyers	Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services	Law Society, DoJ officials
30.	15 Apr 2005	Mr Jakob E Doek, Chairperson, Committee on the Rights of the Child, the United Nations	Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services	ISD, DoJ officials
31.	16 Apr 2005	Mr Jakob E Doek (Chairperson) & Ms Yanghee Lee (Member), UN Committee on the Rights of the Child and Ms Stephanie Kleine-Ahlbrandt, UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, UN	Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services	ISD, DoJ officials
32.	18 Apr 2005	Mr. Zhu Wumi of the Working Division of the Shanghai Party Institute of Chinese Communist Party & Delegation	Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services	Global Modern Education (Group) Ltd, DoJ officials
33.	25 Apr 2005	Mr Ken Mcdonald, QC, Director of Public Prosecutions, England & Wales and Delegation	Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services	DoJ officials
34.	26 Apr 2005	Mr Sylwierz Drolak, Underscretary of State in the Ministry of Justice, Poland and Mr Igor Dzialuk, Deputy of Director of Department of International Co-operation and European Law in the Ministry of Justice, Poland	Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services	Consulate General of Poland, DoJ officials
35.	26 Apr 2005	Mr. Weijianguo, Vice President of the Intermediate People’s Court of Wai’an City of Jiangsu Province & Delegation	Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services	HKU, DoJ officials
36.	9 May 2005	Mr Zhang Jian, Justice Bureau of Hubei, PRC & Delegation	Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services	China Legal Service (HK) Ltd, DoJ officials

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37.	11 May 2005	Delegation of Notarial Offices of Hebei and Shandong, PRC	Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services	Association of China-Appointed Attesting Officers Ltd, DoJ officials
38.	13 May 2005	Mr. Tang Congjun of Discipline Inspection Committee of Shanxi Province & Delegation	Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services	Global Modern Education (Group) Ltd, DoJ officials
39.	19 May 2005	Mr Johannes Koshinen, Minister of Justice, Finland and Delegation	Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services	Consulate General of Finland, DoJ officials
40.	23 May 2005	Mr Yu Ning, Vice Chairman of the All China Lawyers Association & Delegation from All China Lawyers Association	Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services	Law Society, DoJ officials
41.	25 May 2005	Delegation of Department of Treaty and Law, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, PRC	Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services	OCMFA, DoJ officials
42.	27 May 2005	Delegation of the National Democratic Institute for International Affairs, USA	Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services	National Democratic Institute for International Affairs, DoJ officials
43.	1 Jun 2005	Pro. Xie Zhanyuan, Deputy President of China University of Political Science Law & Delegation	Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services	DoJ officials
44.	2 Jun 2005	Judge Victor Hall, Director of Judicial Studies Board, UK	Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services	DoJ officials
45.	2 Jun 2005	Participants of the Lord Chancellor's Training Scheme for Chinese Young Lawyers (2005)	Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services	British Council, DoJ officials
46.	2 Jun 2005	Delegation of Hebei Media	Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services	ISD, DoJ officials
47.	3 Jun 2005	Baroness Prashar, UK Civil Service Commissioner	Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services	ISD, DoJ officials
48.	9 Jun 2005	Mr Gao Qiang, Deputy Minister of Health, PRC & Delegation	Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services	ISD, DoJ officials
49.	30 Jun 2005	Delegation of Shanghai Lawyers Association	Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services	DoJ officials

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50.	30 Jun 2005	Ms Janet Lim, Director for the Bureau for Asia & the Pacific, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees Headquarters, Mr Michael Gabaudan, Regional Rep. of UNHCR Beijing and Ms Monique Sokhan, Head of Sub-Office of UNHCR, HK	Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services	UNHCR Sub-office HK
51.	6 Jul 2005	Mr. Qi Qing of the Shanghai School of Administration & Delegation	Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services	Global Modern Education (Group) Ltd, DoJ officials
52.	7 Jul 2005	Delegation from the Guangzhou Lawyers Association	Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services	Law Society, DoJ officials
53.	13 Jul 2005	Mr Shi Hansheng, Director General of Ministry of Justice, PRC & Delegation	Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services	Association of China-Appointed Attesting Officers Ltd, DoJ officials
54.	17 Jul 2005	Mr Zhu Weiqun, Vice Minister of United Front Work Department, PRC & Delegation	Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services	DoJ officials
55.	20 Jul 2005	Mr Liu Xiao Jun, Deputy Director of the Foreign Affairs Office, Hebei People's Government & Delegation	Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services	CAB, DoJ officials
56.	20 Jul 2005	Mr Liam Aylward, Mr Eoin Ryan and Mr Jim Higgins, a delegation of Members of the European Parliament (Ireland)	Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services	ISD, DoJ officials
57.	21 Jul 2005	Polish Members of Europe Parliament	Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services	ISD, DoJ officials
58.	26 Jul 2005	Delegation of China Overseas Friendship Association	Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services	DoJ officials
59.	26 Jul 2005	Wuhan Delegation	Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services	HKU SPACE, DoJ officials
60.	3 Aug 2005	Mr. Zhang Xiaoming of Ke Nuo Law Firm of Shanghai under Shanghai Training Programme for Hong Kong Lawyers	Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services	Basic Law Institute, DoJ officials
61.	4 Aug 2005	Delegation of Dalian lawyers under the Professional Development Programme of the Law Society	Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services	Law Society, DoJ officials

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62.	19 Aug 2005	US Congressional Staff Delegation	Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services	Better Hong Kong Foundation, DoJ officials
63.	23 Aug 2005	Mr. Zhang Zhengsong of the Hui Ye Law Firm in Shanghai and delegation of Shanghai lawyers	Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services	Basic Law Institute, DoJ officials
64.	24 Aug 2005	Cai Shubin, Head of the People's Government of Caidian District Wuhan City & Delegation of Wuhan officials	Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services	CAB, DoJ officials
65.	25 Aug 2005	US Congressional Staff Delegation	Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services	ISD, DoJ officials
66.	26 Aug 2005	Ms Kim Campbell, President of International Women's Forum, Former Prime Minister of Canada	Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services	IWFHK, DoJ officials
67.	7 Sep 2005	Mr Xu Juyuan, Vice Minister of Transport, PRC & Delegation	Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services	ISD, DoJ officials
68.	20 Sept 2005	US Senior Journalists Delegation	Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services	Better Hong Kong Foundation, DoJ officials
69.	22 Sep 2005	Delegation of Registration Guidance Division, Department of Individual & Private Economy, State Administration for Industry & Commerce, PRC	Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services	Association of China-Appointed Attesting Officers Ltd, DoJ officials
70.	23 Sep 2005	Delegation of Zhejiang Lawyers Association	Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services	Zhejiang Lawyers Association, DoJ officials
71.	26 Sep 2005	Mr Kevin Cullinane, World President of Junior Chamber International & Delegation	Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services	Junior Chamber International HK, DoJ officials
72.	26 Sep 2005	Visit of Zhang Xiangchen, Vice Director, Dept of WTO Affairs, Ministry of Commerce	Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services	ISD, DoJ officials
73.	27 Sep 2005	Mr. Kuo Yueli of the Si Ming District of Xiamen City and delegation	Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services	Beijing-HK Exchange of Personnel Centre Limited, DoJ officials
74.	28 Sep 2005	Mr Ted Quinlan, Deputy Chief Minister, Australia Capital Territory Legislative Assembly and his delegation	Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services	ISD, DoJ officials

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75.	7 Oct 2005	Mr Abdullah Tamugi, Speaker, Parliament of Singapore	Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services	ISD, DoJ officials
76.	10 Oct 2005	Delegation of Shenzhen Judicial Bureau	Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services	DoJ officials
77.	12 Oct 2005	Mr. Liu Shiquan of the Shanxi Procuratorate & Delegation of the Discipline Inspection Committee of the Shanxi Procuratorate	Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services	Global Modern Education (Group) Ltd, DoJ officials
78.	14 Oct 2005	Dr Goh Kun, former Prime Minister of Korea, and Dr Kang Hong-bin (Dr Goh's Adviser) & Delegation	Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services	ISD, DoJ officials
79.	27 Oct 2005	Vice Chancellor Xia Yali of the Faculty of Law of the North West University & Delegation of Mainland scholars	Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services	Legal Education Trust Fund, DoJ officials
80.	28 Oct 2005	The Hon Eric S Ripper, Deputy Premier; Treasurer, Minister for Government Enterprises; and Minister Assisting the Minister for Public Sector Management, Western Australia, Australia	Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services	ISD, DoJ officials
81.	31 Oct 2005	Mr Li Wuyu, Deputy Director of the Press and Publication Administration Office, Hubei Peoples's Government	Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services	ISD, DoJ officials
82.	1 Nov 2005	Mr Ong Keng Yong, Secretary-General, ASEAN Secretariat	Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services	ISD, DoJ officials
83.	2 Nov 2005	Mr David Marin, Member of European Parliament	Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services	ISD, DoJ officials
84.	2 Nov 2005	Mr Herman De Croo, President, House of Representatives, Belgium	Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services	ISD, DoJ officials
85.	2 Nov 2005	Mr. Zhao Degui, Secretary of the Discipline Inspection Committee of Dalian & Delegation	Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services	Global Modern Education (Group) Ltd, DoJ officials
86.	3 Nov 2005	Mr Esko Aho, President of the Finnish National Fund for Research and Development	Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services	ISD, DoJ officials

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87.	7 Nov 2005	Mr Gao Fengtao, Vice-Minister of Legislative Affairs Office, State Council	Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services	ISD, DoJ officials
88.	7 Nov 2005	Prof. Huang Feng, Counsel General of the Department of Judicial Assistance & Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Justice, PRC	Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services	ISD, DoJ officials
89.	9 Nov 2005	Hon Yasunori Nishimura, Member of the Liberal Democratic Party of Japan, Member of the House of Representatives of Japan	Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services	ISD, DoJ officials
90.	10 Nov 2005	Mr Wang Jian-ming, Director of Anti Corruption Bureau, and Mr Zhan Fu-liang, Public Procurator of the Supreme People's Procuratorate, PRC	Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services	ISD, DoJ officials
91.	10 Nov 2005	Delegation of the Ministry of United Front and the 7 th Training Class of the Study of the Market Economy of HK	Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services	Chinese Manufacturers' Association, DoJ officials
92.	14 Nov 2005	Hon Kitazawa Toshimi, Member of the Democratic Party of Japan, Member of the House of Councilors of Japan	Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services	ISD, DoJ officials
93.	15 Nov 2005	Mr. Cai Minzu, Deputy Secretary of Hubei Province and delegation of the Hubei Bureau of Letters and Calls	Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services	Global Modern Education (Group) Ltd, DoJ officials
94.	21 Nov 2005	Mr. Chen Zhiming of the Yangzhou Lawyers Association & Delegation	Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services	HK Trade Development Council, DoJ officials
95.	23 Nov 2005	Mr Qiu Baoxing, Vice Minister of Construction, PRC & Delegation	Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services	ISD, DoJ officials
96.	25 Nov 2005	Mr. Song Limin, Vice Mayor of Cheng De City and delegation of Hebei officials	Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services	Global Modern Education (Group) Ltd, DoJ officials
97.	28 Nov 2005	Mr Daniel Bellamare, MSM, QC, Assistant Deputy Attorney General (Criminal Law), Canada	Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services	ISD, DoJ officials
98.	28 Nov 2005	Mr. Wu Shixue of the Drainage Management Office of Shenzhen and delegation of Shenzhen officials	Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services	Global Modern Education (Group) Ltd, DoJ officials

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99.	29 Nov 2005	Mr John Landy, AC, MBE, Governor of Victoria, Australia & Delegation	Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services	Victorian Government Business Office of HK, DoJ officials
100.	1 Dec 2005	Mr Wang Yunxiang, Vice President of Chinese People's Institute of Foreign Affairs	Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services	Better Hong Kong Foundation, DoJ officials
101.	1 Dec 2005	Judge J Clifford Wallace, Retired Chief Judge of the US Court of Appeal & Delegation	Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services	The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, DoJ officials
102.	2 Dec 2005	Li Yongsheng, Deputy Director of Foreign Affairs Office of Anhui People's Government & Delegations of the Mainland Officials of Municipal Foreign Affairs Offices of Shangdong and Anhui	Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services	CAB, DoJ officials
103.	2 Dec 2005	Mr Khalid Malik, the United Nations Co-ordinator in China and Delegation, Mr Renaud Meyer, Deputy UN Development Programme Resident Representative and Josie Jin Zhou, Special Adviser to HK and Macau SARs	Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services	UN Development Programme Special Adviser to HK & Macau SARs, DoJ officials
104.	6 Dec 2005	Delegation of Hebei Justice Bureau and Lawyers	Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services	DoJ officials
105.	8 Dec 2005	Professor Stephanie Fahey, Director, Research Institute for Asia and the Pacific, Australia	Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services	ISD, DoJ officials
106.	13 Dec 2005	Rt. Hon. Lord Goldsmith, UK Attorney General and Delegation	Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services	Consulate General of UK, DoJ officials
107.	14 Dec 2005	Rt. Hon. Colin Boyd, QC, Lord Advocate of Scotland and Mr Brisbane, Deputy Crown Agent of Scotland	Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services	DoJ officials
108.	23 Dec 2005	Mr. Kuo Xiaoqing of the Discipline Inspection Committee of the Chongqing Justice Bureau & Delegation	Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services	Xin Hua International Cultural Exchange Co Ltd, DoJ officials
109.	3 Jan 2006	Dr Karl A Lamers, German Member of Parliament	Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services	Consulate General of Germany, DoJ officials
110.	5 Jan 2006	Mrs Yoriko Kawaguchi, former Minister of Foreign Affairs, Japan	Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services	ISD, DoJ officials

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111.	9 Jan 2006	Delegation of Korean Parliament Members	Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services	Consulate General of Korea, DoJ officials
112.	13 Jan 2006	Mr James Pitchford, Legislative Assistant, Foreign Policy Senator Kit Bond (R-MO), & 60 th US Congressional Staff Delegation	Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services	Better Hong Kong Foundation, DoJ officials
113.	16 Jan 2006	Mr Henk Marquart Schdtz, Secretary-General, and Mr Barry Hancock, Counsel General of International Association of Prosecutors	Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services	DoJ officials
114.	17 Jan 2006	Dr Kurt Campbell, Senior Vice President, Henry A Kissinger Chair in National Security and Director of International Security Programme, Centre for Strategic and International Studies, USA	Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services	ISD, DoJ officials
115.	4 Feb 2006	Mr John Tiner, Chief Executive, Financial Services Authority, UK	Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services	ISD, DoJ officials
116.	7 Feb 2006	Mr Edward Nally – Immediate Past President of the Law Society of UK	Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services	ISD, DoJ officials
117.	8 Feb 2006	Mr Gary Mar, Minister of Community Development, Government of Alberta, Canada	Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services	ISD, DoJ officials
118.	10 Feb 2006	Dr Mark Mullins, Executive Director, Fraser Institute, Canada	Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services	ISD, DoJ officials
119.	10 Feb 2006	Mr Mark Berlin, Director General ILPS, International Legal Programs Section, Justice Canada	Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services	ISD, DoJ officials
120.	21 Feb 2006	Dr Michael Spindelegger, Member of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE) and Member of the Parliament, Austria	Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services	ISD, DoJ officials
121.	23 Feb 2006	Mr. Jia Youling, Director of Veterinary Medicine Bureau, Ministry of Agriculture	Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services	ISD, DoJ officials
122.	23 Feb 2006	Vice Director Liu Cuiping of the Anti-Corruption Bureau of the People's Procuratorate of the Henan Province & Delegation	Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services	ICAC, DoJ officials

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123.	24 Feb 2006	Wrap up session of Attachment Programme of Mainland Judicial Bureaux Officials	Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services	ISD DoJ officials
124.	28 Feb 2006	Mr Liu Zhijun, Ministry of Railway, PRC	Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services	ISD, DoJ officials
125.	2 Mar 2006	Ms Alison LeClaire Christie, Director of East Asia (China, Monogolia & Taiwan Affairs), Foreign Affairs, Canada	Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services	Consulate General of Canada, DoJ officials
126.	3 Mar 2006	Mr Lu Xinhua, Commissioner of the Office of the Commissioner of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, PRC in HK	Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services	HKMAO, DoJ officials
127.	9 Mar 2006	Mr Wu Jia Nong, Deputy Mayor of Chong Qing, PRC	Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services	ISD, DoJ officials
128.	10 Mar 2006	Mr John Pistole, Deputy Director of Federal Investigation Bureau, USA & Delegation	Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services	Consulate General of US, DoJ officials
129.	15 Mar 2006	Mr Ye Shuangyu, Deputy Governor of Fujian, PRC & Delegation	Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services	ISD, DoJ officials
130.	17 Mar 2006	Vice Director He Ping of the Foreign (HK & Macao) Affairs Offices of Sichuan Province & Delegation	Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services	CAB, DoJ officials
131.	22 Mar 2006	Mr Clycle Prestowitz, President, Economic Strategies Institute, USA	Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services	ISD, DoJ officials
132.	25 Mar 2006	Mr Sun Hailin, Deputy Mayor of Tianjin & Delegation	Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services	Law Society of Hong Kong, DoJ officials
133.	3 Apr 2006	Mr Koichi Miki, Professor of Law, Keio University, Japan	Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services	ISD, DoJ officials
134.	12 Apr 2006	Mr Glenn Martin SC, President, Australian Bar Association	Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services	the Australian Bar Association, DoJ officials
135.	25 Apr 2006	Delegation from the Changzhou Justice Province	Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services	DoJ officials
136.	9 May 2006	Delegation of British Parliament's Foreign Affairs Committee	Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services	Consulate General of UK, DoJ officials

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137.	24 May 2006	Delegation of the Xiang Tan University , Xuan Yuan Education Fund Association	Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services	Woo Kwan Lee & Co, DoJ officials
138.	25 May 2006	Delegation of the Lord Chancellor's Training Scheme for Chinese Young Lawyers (2006)	Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services	British Council, DoJ officials
139.	5 Jun 2006	Mr Shen Deyong, Vice President of the Supreme People's Court, PRC & Delegation	Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services	ISD, DoJ officials
140.	6 Jun 2006	Director Zhang Jian of the Hubei Justice Department & Delegation	Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services	DoJ officials
141.	15 Jun 2006	Director Chen Mingpu of the Shandong Justice Department & Delegation of Shandong lawyers	Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services	Law Society, DoJ officials
142.	22 Jun 2006	Mr. Zhang Haihua of the Foreign Affairs Office of the Heilongjiang Province & Delegation	Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services	CAB, DoJ officials
143.	5 Jul 2006	Vice Director Fang Xiaoling of the Jiangsu Justice Department & Delegation of notary officers of Jiangsu and Neimenggu	Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services	the Association of China-Appointed Attesting Officers, DoJ officials
144.	8 Jul 2006	Hon Philip Ruddock, Attorney General, Australia	Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services	Consulate General of Australia, DoJ officials
145.	3 Aug 2006	Mr K Kesavapany, Director, Institute of South East Asian Studies (ISEAS), Singapore	Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services	ISD, DoJ officials
146.	9 Aug 2006	Delegation from Zhejiang Provincial Department of Justice headed by Mr Chen Zhizhong	Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services	HKMAO, DoJ officials
147.	29 Aug 2006	Mr. Wang Qiang of State Owned Assets Management Committee of the Ningxia Autonomous Region and delegation	Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services	China Economic Information (HK) Ltd, DoJ officials
148.	30 Aug 2006	Mr. Wang Wanzhong of the Discipline Inspection Department of the Procuratorate of the Chengdu City & Delegation	Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services	Global Modern Education (Group) Ltd, DoJ officials
149.	31 Aug 2006	Delegation of Shanghai Lawyers	Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services	Basic Law Institute, DoJ officials

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150.	1 Sept 2006	Mr Jusuf Wanandi of the Indonesian Centre for Strategic and International Studies	Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services	ISD, DoJ officials
151.	22 Sept 2006	Mr Mark Fisher, MP(Labour) and former Minister of the Arts a delegation from the All Party Parliamentary China Group (APPCG), UK	Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services	ISD, DoJ officials
152.	25 Sept 2006	Delegation of US Senior Journalists	Briefing on Hong Kong legal system and legal services	Better Hong Kong Foundation, DoJ officials

Conferences and seminars attended from January 2005 to September 2006

	Date	Topic	Organizer/Participant
1.	2 Apr 2005	Basic Law	Caritas Francis Hsu College, students of the college and other tertiary institutions, DoJ officials
2.	24 Aug 2005	Rule of law	New Territories General Chamber of Commerce, DoJ officials
3.	18 Nov 2005	Rule of law and One Country, Two Systems	Chinese General Chamber of Commerce, DoJ officials
4.	28 Nov 2005	Arbitration in China and promotion of Hong Kong legal services	China International Economic & Trade Arbitration Commission and HK International Arbitration Centre, DoJ officials
5.	13 Jan 2006	Reciprocal Enforcement Judgments	Hong Kong Bar Association, DoJ officials
6.	19 Jan 2006	Arbitration	Hong Kong Institute of Arbitrators, DoJ officials
7.	7 Mar 2006	CEPA	Hong Kong Bar Association, DoJ officials
8.	17 Mar 2006	Benefits of mediation	Hong Kong Mediation Council, DoJ officials
9.	16 Apr 2006	Rule of law	International Council of Advocates and Barristers, Hong Kong Bar Association, DoJ officials, delegates of overseas Bar Associations
10.	27 Apr 2006	Rule of law and promotion of Hong Kong legal services	Better Hong Kong Foundation, DoJ officials, Consular Corps, heads of international chamber of commerce
11.	26 May 2006	Rule of law	Oxford and Cambridge Society, DoJ officials
12.	13 Jun 2006	Benefits of mediation	Hong Kong Mediation Centre, DoJ officials
13.	21 Jun 2006	Reciprocal Enforcement Judgments	CITB, Heads of Economic and Trade Offices, DoJ officials
14.	26 Jun 2006	Rule of law	Hong Kong Democratic Foundation, DoJ officials
15.	29 Jun 2006	CEPA	Law Society and Bar Association, DoJ officials
16.	18 Jul 2006	Reciprocal enforcement judgments	ISD, DoJ officials
17.	4 Aug 2006	Arbitration	Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre, DoJ officials
18.	15 Aug 2006	Reciprocal enforcement judgments	Hong Kong Financial Services Institute, DoJ officials
19.	29 Aug 2006	Reciprocal enforcement judgments	The Chinese Manufacturers' Association of Hong Kong, DoJ officials
20.	7 Sep 2006	Promotion of Hong Kong legal services	Hong Kong Management Association, DoJ officials
21.	13 Sep 2006	Arbitration	Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre, DoJ officials

Disputes involving Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre in 2006 (1 January 2006 to 31 December 2006)

In 2006, the number of cases in which HKIAC was involved with stood at 394 as compared with 281 cases in 2005 and 280 cases in 2004 (please refer to website <http://www.hkiac.org> for further details). The amounts in dispute range from HK\$370,531 to over HK\$369 million and parties' nationalities range from American, Australian, British, Chinese (Hong Kong SAR), Chinese (Macau SAR), Chinese (Mainland China), Dutch, Filipino, French, German, Hungarian, Indian, Japanese, Korean, Nigerian, Polish, Qatari, Singaporean, Swiss, Taiwanese, Thai, Vietnamese.

Of the 394 cases, 18 cases were from Mainland China, where both parties were entities/nationals of Mainland China in which the arbitration clause specified Hong Kong as the place of arbitration. This compares with 15 cases in 2005, 20 cases in 2004, 14 cases in 2003, 13 cases in 2002, 7 cases in 2001 and 5 cases in 2000.

HKIAC 2006 statistics

	Arbitration	Mediation
Construction	181	30
Commercial	102	8
Shipping	18	0
Joint Venture	0	0
Others (Not classified)	0	0
Community	0	0
Total	301	38
Domain Names	93	N/A

- Of the 301 Arbitrations (excluding Domain Names)
 - 99 cases involve Hong Kong and other Countries
 - 42 cases involve non-Hong Kong parties
 - 160 cases involve Hong Kong parties

- Of the 99 cases involving Hong Kong parties
 - 62 cases from Hong Kong and the Mainland of China
 - 37 cases from Hong Kong and other countries
 - 78 cases involve contracts performed in Hong Kong

- 21 cases involve contracts performed elsewhere

- Of the 42 cases involving non-Hong Kong Parties
 - 18 Mainland of China/Mainland of China
 - 8 United States of America/Mainland of China
 - 3 Japan/Mainland of China
 - 3 United Kingdom/Mainland of China
 - 2 Switzerland/Mainland of China
 - 1 Germany/Mainland of China
 - 1 Holland/Mainland of China
 - 1 Vietnam/Mainland of China
 - 1 Singapore/Mainland of China
 - 1 Australia/Singapore
 - 1 Philippines/Korea
 - 1 Japan/Japan
 - 1 Qatar/India

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No. of New Arbitrations from 2003 – 2006

<u>Year</u>	<u>No. of New Cases</u>
2003	4
2004	6
2005	6
2006	6

No. of New Mediations from 2003 – 2006

<u>Year</u>	<u>No. of New Cases</u>
2003	8
2004	5
2005	8
2006	10